

# House File 2069 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the registration requirements for certain  
2 vessels and the use of registration fees, and making  
3 penalties applicable.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 462A.5, subsection 3, paragraph a,  
2 subparagraph (1), Code 2022, is amended to read as follows:

3 (1) For vessels of any length without motor or sail, ~~twelve~~  
4 twenty dollars.

5 Sec. 2. Section 462A.6, subsection 7, paragraph b, Code  
6 2022, is amended to read as follows:

7 b. Conventional design canoes and kayak type vessels,  
8 ~~thirteen~~ ten feet or less in length.

9 Sec. 3. Section 462A.52, subsection 1, Code 2022, is amended  
10 to read as follows:

11 1. A county recorder shall remit to the commission all fees  
12 collected by the recorder through a process determined by the  
13 department. All fees collected for the registration of vessels  
14 shall be forwarded by the commission to the treasurer of the  
15 state, who shall place the money in the state fish and game  
16 protection fund. The money so collected is appropriated to the  
17 commission solely for water trail development and maintenance  
18 and the administration and enforcement of navigation laws and  
19 water safety.

20 EXPLANATION

21 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
22 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

23 This bill relates to registration requirements for certain  
24 vessels. Under current law, vessels of any length without a  
25 motor shall pay to a county recorder a registration fee of \$12  
26 in order for the vessel to be issued an identification number.  
27 A vessel may not be used on the waters of this state that are  
28 under the jurisdiction of the natural resource commission  
29 (NRC) without an identification number. Current law exempts  
30 conventional design canoes and kayak type vessels that are 13  
31 feet or less in length from the numbering and registration  
32 requirements.

33 The bill increases the registration fee for vessels of any  
34 length without a motor to \$20. Additionally, the bill lowers  
35 the length for which canoe and kayak type vessels may be exempt

1 from numbering and registration requirements to 10 feet or  
2 less.

3 A person who uses a canoe or kayak type vessel more than  
4 10 feet in length on waters under NRC's jurisdiction without  
5 registering the vessel as required by the bill shall be  
6 punished by a scheduled fine of \$30.

7 Under current law, fees collected for the registration of  
8 vessels are forwarded by NRC to the treasurer of state for  
9 deposit in the state fish and game protection fund. Such  
10 moneys are appropriated to NRC solely for the administration  
11 and enforcement of navigation laws and water safety. The bill  
12 authorizes the moneys to also be appropriated for water trail  
13 development and maintenance.